U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE Attorney's Docket Number B/O Form PTO-1390 Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) YONE3023/JEK Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371 Priority Date Claimed International Filing Date International Application Number September 21, 2004 October 9, 2003 PCT/JP2004/013736 Title of Invention POSITIONING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US Keitaro YONEZAWA et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 1. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 2. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay 3. × examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). × 5. Ø A copy of the International Application as filed 35 USC 371(c)(2). is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. Ø has been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). c. × A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) Ø are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. C. d. have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). Ø (■ Executed □ Unexecuted) A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 USC 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is 12. included. 13. A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 14. \boxtimes 15. A substitute specification. 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 17. 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 19.

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Respectfully submitted,

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